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Mr. R. VEERIAN:—“I find from the answer to clause (a) that two Brahman gentlemen were appointed as honorary bench magistrates to the Mettupalaiyam Bench Court. I want to know the necessity for appointing two Brahman gentlemen ignoring the claims of the depressed classes?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“If the Government finds that there are members of the depressed classes available, they will take steps to include them on the bench courts.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—“May I know whether any representation was received from the members of the depressed classes saying that they were not able to find a suitable person to represent them on the bench courts?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“No representations were received either pointing out anybody who was suitable.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—“In that case, may I take it that the authorities did not care to find out whether there were suitable members among the depressed classes to serve equally well on the Mettupalaiyam Bench Court?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“Those appointments are made on the recommendation of the local collectors and district magistrates. If communities which have a right, an undoubted right, to be represented on these bench courts, have competent men available, they should bring the matter to the notice of the local authorities. Then the Government will be in a better position to look into the matter.”

Composition of the Vaniambadi Bench Court.

* 133 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many members have been appointed to the Vaniambadi Bench Court, North Arcot district;

(b) the names of the members appointed together with the caste or community to which each belongs;

(c) whether any member belonging to the depressed classes has been appointed;

(d) if not, the reason why a member of the depressed classes has not been appointed;

(e) the population of each community or class to which the members already appointed belong; and

(f) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) Eight.

(b) & (e)—

Name.	Caste.	Popula- tion.
M.R.Ry. E. Subrahmanya Chetti		
Avargal	Vania	Vysia
M.R.Ry. Govindaraju Chetti		
Avargal	Do.	
		2,351

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Name.	Caste.	Population.
M.R.Ry. Radakrishna Lala		
Avargal	Agravala Baniya ...	2,749
M.R.Ry. Muniswami Nayudu ...	Kavarai ...	
" Ramadoss Rao Avargal	Bhonsbar Kshatriya.	
Malanga Lal Bateha Sahib		
Bahadur	Muhammadan ...	10,670
N. Abdul Wahab Sahib Bahadur.	Do. ...	
K. Abdul Quddus Sahib Bahadur	Do. ...	

(c) No.

(d) It is reported that no suitable person belonging to the depressed classes is available.

(f) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I know whether any representation signed by the members of the depressed classes was received saying that they were not able to find any suitable person for the bench court?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"The answer is in the negative."

Civil Justice.

Appointment of Official Receivers as per Civil Justice Committee Report.

* 134 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been called to the remarks made by the Civil Justice Committee, 1924-25, regarding the system of appointing local pleaders as official receivers (page 239 of the Report);

(b) whether Official Receivers in this Presidency are whole-time officers or whether they are proposed to be made so; and

(c) whether the Government accept the view of the Committee in this respect and, if so, to what extent?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) Official Receivers in this Presidency are not whole-time officers at present. The recommendation of the Civil Justice Committee on the subject is under consideration.

Elections.

Revision of the electoral rolls for the Legislative Council.

* 135 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what steps are being taken or will be taken to see that the electoral rolls for the general and special constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council are revised throughout the Presidency?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 9 (4) of the Madras Electoral Rules. The electoral rolls for the constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council were last revised and published in September 1923, and are in force now. There has been no